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SUBJECT: FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT: STATUS REPORT

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1. LABOR PARTY'S FEUDING FACTIONS HAVE REVERSED THEIR ATTITUDE  
OVERNIGHT AND ARE NOW ENGAGED IN EFFORT TO OVERCOME THEIR  
DIFFERENCES SUFFICIENTLY TO ALLOW MRS MEIR TO FORM AND LEAD  
NEW GOVERNMENT ENJOYING SUPPORT OF ALL SEGMENTS OF LABOR  
ALIGNMENT. ON BASIS OF DECISION TAKEN BY RAFI (DAYAN) FACTION  
FJO 26 TO SUPPORT AND VOTE FOR NEW GOVERNMENT AND EVEN TO  
CALL ON DAYAN AND PERES TO JOIN CABINET, MAJOR HURDLE BLOCKING  
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MRS MEIR'S FORMATION OF HER GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN

OVERCOME. MRS MEIR HAS POSTPONED PRESENTATION OF HER CABINET TO PRESIDENT KATZIR FOR SEVERAL DAYS (IT IS NOT YET KNOWN HOW MANY) IN FURTHER EFFORT TO GET DAYAN AND PERES TO REVERSE THEIR DECISION NOT TO SERVE IN CABINET. BUT WE STILL EXPECT THAT SHE WILL SEE PRESIDENT IN TIME TO GO TO KNESSET FOR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE MARCH 4.

2. IN LAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS, EBAN ADDED HIS VOICE TO THAT OF MRS MEIR IN APPEALING TO DAYAN AND PERES TO SERVE IN NEW CABINET, AND LABOR PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL YADLIN AND KNESSET WHIP BARAM MADE PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT RAFI MEETING TO ENDORSE MRS MEIR'S EARLIER REQUEST TO DAYAN AND PERES. AS PRO-DAYAN COLUMNIST HARIF NOTED IN FEB 26 MAARIV PIECE, DAYAN BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL SECTIONS OF LABOR PARTY, GND NOT JUST MRS MEIR PERSONALLY, MAKE CLEAR TO HIM THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO WORK FOR PARTY UNITY AND, IN

EFFECT, STEM ANTI-DAYAN MOVEMENT WITHIN PARTY. SAPIR AND ALLON ARE YET TO BE HEARD FROM. IN GOODWILL GESTURE, ALL THREE LABOR FACTIONS FEB 26 ESTABLISHED "RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE" TO FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING INTRA-PARTY SITUATION. WHILE ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS MAY BE MORE SHOW THAN SUBSTANCE, DESIGNED TO PAPER OVER RATHER THAN HEAL PARTY WOUNDS, THERE IS AT LEAST A POSSIBILITY THAT DAYAN MAY CHANGE HIS MIND.

3. LABOR ALIGNMENT ALSO MADE FURTHER STAB AT INDUCING NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY TO RETURN TO COALITION, PRESENTING YET ONE MORE VARIANT ON THE OVERWORKED ISSUE OF WHO IS A JEW. BUT APPARENT DETERMINATION OF YOUTH GROUP TO KEEP PARTY OUT OF COALITION BY FINDING REASONS FOR OPPOSING ALL PROPOSALS, AS WELL AS PRESSURES FROM RABBINICAL GROUPS AGAINST JOINING COALITION, MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT NRP WILL JOIN. KEATING

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